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Forward Programme.

NOVEMBER. Thursday, Nov 4. Peter McQuillan will speak on insects.

Friday, Nov 5 to Sunday, Nov 7. Weekend camp at Ida Bay. Please let Secretary know by MONDAY NOV 1 if you will be able to come for all or part of the weekend. Cost will be $4.00 per night. Accomodation in 5 bed units. Bring sleeping bags and food. Communal cooking facilities provided. Alan Hewer and Peter McQuillan will be sharing their expertise on frogs & insects respectively. We also hope to visit the glowworm caves.

DECEMBER. Thursday, Dec 2. Harry Burton, one of our newer members, will speak on Antarctic Lakes. We will also have a cup of tea (ladies bring a small plate please) and Miss Westbrook will be announcing the results of her competition. (See overleaf)

Saturday, December 4. Meet at 10 am outside the Prince Theatre for a wandering day centered at Roaches Beach.

JANUARY. No meeting or outing in January.

THE TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB is a club of naturalists with a large range of interests spanning most areas of natural history. We have both experts and beginners among our ranks. Our meetings are held every first Thursday of the month at 8 pm in St James Church Hall, Rupert St, New Town. Our executive include;

President. Dr RH Donaghey (who has recently moved to Burnie, where he has obtained a job)
Vice President & Treasurer. Mr J Grist, 329 Park St, New Town. Phone 282109.
Vice President. Mr LE Wall, 63 Elphinstone Rd, Mount Stuart. Phone 284165.
Honorary Secretary. Mrs M Mollison, 22 Toorak Ave, Lenah Valley. Phone 285668.

Feel free to contact the executive on any matter concerning the Club.

LIBRARY. We have a good selection of high quality books available to members to borrow free of charge. It is housed on the stage area of St James Church Hall, and is open every meeting day. Please investigate our Library and avail yourselves of its resources. It includes many magazines, bulletins etc. of other groups, which are highly informative. We also stock for sale back issues of The Tasmanian Naturalist.

OUR PRESIDENT , Dr Richard Donaghey, has obtained a teaching job in Burnie Tech in the field of Agriculture. We are sorry to see him leave, but congratulate him in his success. He will remain as President until the March AGM, and meetings will be chaired in his absence by Mr Grist.

MISS WESTBROOK'S COMPETITION. Do you have any unretouched pieces of driftwood, sandstone, etc. which you found in the bush recently? You might win a prize at our December meeting! Miss Westbrook will judge and donate a prize to the most interestingand unusual piece presented. There will also be a special prize for the children's best entry.

THE TASMANIAN WILDERNESS SOCIETY , as you are no doubt aware, is currently maintaining a constant effort to save the Franklin River. As a club we commend them on the peaceful, non-violent nature of their efforts. They are currently offering to all conservationists a freeKit which will inform you on the nature of current efforts by the Society in this area, and will suggest ways in which you may be able to help. All interested members should apply to the Society.

OUTINGS. Marion Bay, 9 Oct. Twenty one people took part in near perfect weather conditions. On the way to the end of the Spit, we counted Hooded Dotterels for the National Count. By and large, the shells we found were similar to those found on our previous walk to this area, with two naoable exceptions. A keen eyed young naturalist, Matthew Grist, found one Sigaretorema umbilicatum and one Philippia reevei. Members were also surprised at the very large drifts of Bankivia fasciata, or Kelp shell.
At lunchtime Miss Westbrook found an interesting posy of wildflowers, including a fringe lily.. After lunch we proceeded to the aboriginal midden on the other side of the spit, on the quickly eroding face of which we found several implements.
When we returned to the car we were met by Mr Wall, who had completed the plover count on the other end of the beach, and had come to within three metres of four curlew sandpipers feeding on the tideline. At the car park, we also observed a soaring sea eagle.
Members all enjoyed the day and expressed thanks to the leader for a rich and rewarding day. SEE WHAT THE REST OF YOU MISSED OUT ON!
On apology only was accepted.....our Secretary, whose daughter was being married.

Thanks to all who participated in the treeplanting day in September.

Pawleena, 3 July.On this excursion we succeeded in positively identifying specimens of Eucalyptus chordata. We also observed many birds, including;

Eastern rosellas and green rosellas, sometimes in mixed flocks.

Clinking Currawong,	New Holland Honeyeater,
Magpie,	Eastern Spinebill,
Noisy miner,	Striated Pardalote,
Kookaburra,	Golden Whistler
a flock of Goldfinches,	
Scarlet Robin,	
Grey Fantail,	
Spotted quail thrush.	

All that now remains is for me to wish all my fellow naturalists a happy Christmas and a great new year in our Tasmanian bush. In the new year, how about bringing a friend to our meetings?

Greetings and love to you all from Maria.

P.S. ALL SUBS FALL DUE ON 1.1.83 !